

IN THE CLAIMS:

The pending claims are listed in the attached:

Appendix A1: Pending claims (Clean Version of Replacement Claims).

☒ Changes in the pending claims relative to the last version of record are reflected in:

Appendix A2: Changes to claims (redline)(Version With Markings to Show Changes Made).

Please enter any new claims or changes reflected in Appendices A1 and A2.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The status of the claims is as follows:

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| Amended: | 67, 97 |
| Cancelled: | None |
| New: | None |
| Pending: | 67-97 |
| Allowed: | None |

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, based on an assertion that the claims contain subject matter for which the specification does not reasonably convey that the inventors had possession of that subject matter. The rejection relates to the claim recital of having "no more than a total of two single amino acid substitutions, deletions or insertions at the corresponding amino acid positions in a CTL epitope which is [as set forth in the respective claim]," as well as a corresponding recitation of no more than a total of one single amino acid alteration from the relevant reference sequence. Applicant respectfully traverses.

First, Applicant respectfully submits that the Office cannot tenably assert that the concept of having the recited amount of sequence variability is not set forth in the application. If the Office does so assert, Applicant respectfully traverses. The original claims recites with respect